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SUBJ: GOM REQUESTS MORE HERBICIDE SAMPLES AND AERIAL SPRAY DEVICE

1. SUMMARY: MEXICAN AG'S OFFICE WISHES ADDITIONAL ONE GALLON EACH OF PARAQUAT AND GLYPHOSATE, AND AN AERIAL SPRAY APPLICATOR. WE APPROVE AND RECOMMEND PROMPT DELIVERY. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF MEETING ON EVENING OF AUGUST 19, WITH DEPUTY AG, ADMIN CHIEF AND CAPTAIN VIDEZ, ORIGINALLY REQUESTED TO DISCUSS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULING FOR PILOTS, MECHANICS AND MOPS SYSTEM TECHNICAS, ROSALES-MIRANDA BROACHED THE SUBJECT ON THEIR FIELD TESTING OF HERBICIDES. TESTING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY AG AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNNEL IN SLECTED AREAS IN THE STATE OF SINALOA AGAINST BOTH POPPY AND MARIJUANA FIELDS. THE DEPUTY AG EXHIBITED SOME POPPY PLANTS WHICH HAD BEEN SPRAYED WITH PARAQUAT AND UNDERSCORED THE EFFECTIVE DESTRUCTION OF THE POPPY PLANT AND SEED PODS WITHIN DAYS AS OPPOSED TO GLYPHOSATE WHICH HAS A LONGER TIME SPAN BEFORE WILTING TAKES PLACE. BASED ON HIS DISCUSSIONES WITH THE AGA AND THE EFFECTIVINESS OF HERBICIDES AGAINST BOTH POPPY AND MARIJUANA, HE STATED THEY WILL PROBABLY USE HERBICIDES ON A SLECTIVE BASIS IN THE REMOTE AREAS OF THE NORTHWEST
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ZONE IN THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN. HE INDICATED THEY ARE

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COGNIZANT OF THE CONTAMINATION FACTOR DUE TO THE FUNOFF. THUS FAR, ALL OF THEIR FIELD TESTING HAS BEEN CONDUCTED THROUGH GROUNH PERSONNEL EQUIPPED WITH BACK-PACK SPRAYERS WALKING THROUGH THE FIELDS WITH MAXIMUM CONTROL EXERCISED IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE DRIFT FACTOR. ROSALES-MIRANDA STATED THEY WISH TO CONTINUE THE FIELD TESTING THROUGH THE USE OF AN AIRBORNE SPRAYER TO DETERMINE THE DRIFT FACTOR. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WISH TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL LABORATORY TESTING OF BOTH HERBICIDES. ROSALES-MIRANDA REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL GALLON EACH OF PARAQUAT AND GLHPHOSATE AND AN AERIAL SPRAY APPLICATOR FOR MOUNTING ON A MODEL 206-B AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE APPROVE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUEST COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE JUNE 1975 AGREEMENT. PROCE-DURES FOR OBTENTION OF HERBICIDES SHOULD FOLLOW PROCEDURES UTILIZED IN FIRST QUARTER OF CY75 THROUGH ARC, BELTSVILLE, MD. RECOMMEND DELIVERY BE EFFECTED THROUGH DEA/W FACILITIES AS RD/MEX HAS ALTERED PLASE. ADVISE SOONEST.
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